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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESS COMMENT ON BRZEZINSKI APPOINTMENT

1. BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE NEWSPAPER
RABOTNICHESKO DELO DEC. 18 CARRIED COMMENTARY ON
BRZEZINSKI APPOINTMENT.
2. ARTICLE NOTES ADVISORY ROLE BRZEZINSKI PLAYED IN
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S CAMPAIGN AND "LIKENESSES" BETWEEN
BRZEZINSKI AND SECRETARY KISSINGER--BOTH EUROPEAN IMMI-
GRANTS, HARVARD BACKGROUND, ACCENTS, AND "ACADEMIC MANNER".
3. IN DISCUSSION OF BRZEZINSKI'S WORK AT COLUMBIA, COM-
MENTARY STATES THAT INSTITUTE FOR STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS
OF COMMUNISM WHICH BRZEZINSKI HEADED IS "WELL KNOWN FOR
ITS ANTI-SOVIETISM". BRZEZINSKI "HAS CONSIDERABLY
INFLUENCED STATEMENTS (OF CARTER) ON QUESTIONS OF SOVIET-
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AMERICAN RELATIONS." ARTICLE CLOSES BY OBSERVING THAT AT
HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER "CLEARLY
EMPHASIZED GREAT SIGNIFICANCE WHICH HE ATTACHES TO DEVELOP-
MENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS."

4. COMMENT: ARTICLE DEMONSTRATES SOME UNEASINESS

ABOUT BRZEZINSKI AND THE KIND OF INFLUENCE HE WILL
HAVE ON US POLICIES AFTER INAUGURATION. (MFA'S US DESK
OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF DEC. 14 THAT BRZEZINSKI HAD REPUTATION
AMONG "AMERICA-WATCHERS" OF BEING "ANTI-COMMUNIST" AND THEN
PROBED FOR INFORMATION ON ROLE OF NSC HEAD.) YET ARTICLE
CONCLUDES ON HOPEFUL NOTE, IMPLYING THAT PERHAPS BRZEZINSKI
HAS SEEN THE LIGHT SINCE CARTER'S STATEMENTS ACKNOWLEDGE
IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS.
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